

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A compressor as set forth in claim [[12]] 32, wherein a top of the insertion member is rotatably connected with the upper face of the sleeve.

14-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) ~~A compressor as set forth in claim 12;~~ A compressor comprising a closed container which stores oil and accommodates a compressing element for compressing refrigerant and an electrically-powered element for driving the compressing element, wherein:

the electrically-powered element includes a stator and a rotor;

the compressing element includes a shaft which extends in a vertical direction and rotates, and a viscous pump which is formed inside the shaft and communicates with the oil,

the viscous pump having a cylindrical hollow portion formed in the shaft, an insertion member coaxially and rotatably inserted into the cylindrical hollow portion, a spiral groove formed between the inner surface of the cylindrical hollow portion and the outer surface of the insertion member along a direction where the oil rises, and prevention means for preventing rotation of the insertion member;

the cylindrical hollow portion is formed in a sleeve being substantially cylindrical and comprising an upper face having a path hole through which the oil flows;

the prevention means is an impeller formed on the insertion member to produce viscous resistance between the impeller and the oil;

the sleeve is fixed to the shaft; and

~~wherein~~ a top of the insertion member is rotatably connected with the upper face of the sleeve by a screw.